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WELCOME WEEK EVENTS GUIDE

2024

The official Welcome Week events for Edinburgh Napier University students.

Edinburgh Napier UNIVERSITY

WELCOME WEEK 2024

Edinburgh Napier Welcome Week is organised by ENSA (your students' union) and it is packed full of awesome activities for all new and returning students. ***It's not just for first years!***

It is a great chance to explore the city, settle in to Uni life, make new friends and have a whole lot of fun! There's a wide range of events, with something for everyone, so read on to find out what we have in store over the 9 days!

FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow Edinburgh Napier Students' Association (ENSA) on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter/X and Tik Tok to stay informed: **@napierstudents**

We'll post updates on ticket availability and let you know if any of the weather dependent events are cancelled.

You'll also get regular updates throughout the year about events, sports, societies, campaigns, advice and other student news.

ENSA EVENTS

EVENT TICKETS

Tickets for all of the Edinburgh Napier Welcome Week events are available at **napierstudents.com/welcome**. Visit the link or scan the QR Code to order yours now!

FOR TICKETS, SCAN HERE

Be wary of any individuals or social media groups selling "Edinburgh Napier Freshers Wristbands" - we are not selling wristbands and anyone doing so has no official link to the University or ENSA. We cannot vouch for the quality of their events.

18 Please note that all events marked as "over 18s only" will require proof of age (passport or driving licence) to be shown at the venue on entry.

= non-alcohol event

= over 18s only, bring proof of age

= great for international students

= recommended/key event

= weather dependent event

SATURDAY 7 SEPT

MOVIE NIGHT

7pm-9pm @ Bainfield Common Room.

Join us for a cosy movie night to relax after move-in day and enjoy a fun evening with free popcorn. You get to decide what we watch! Vote for your favourite movie at the ENSA stall during key collection.

Free entry - no ticket required.
Bainfield residents only.

BIG CHEESE: LIVE SINGALONG SPECIAL

10pm-3am @ Hangar 5, Potterrow, 5/2 Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.

Get ready for the biggest weekly student club night in the city! A brilliant live band will play hairbrush anthems from across the decades, accompanied by giant video lyrics for everyone to singalong together.

Wristbands will be provided for over 18s so don't forget to bring proof of age ID.

£9 pre-sales, £10 on the door. Open to all.

SUNDAY 8 SEPT

PIZZA & BOARD GAMES

4pm-6pm @ Bainfield Common Room.

Play your favourite board and card games while enjoying some FREE PIZZA with your new flatmates and fellow Bainfield residents!

Free entry - no ticket required.
Bainfield residents only.

NAPIER QUIZ NIGHT

7pm-9pm @ The Three Sisters (Live Room), Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

A Napier-themed pub quiz hosted by your students' association! Expect fun questions and awesome prizes as you test your knowledge on all things Napier and beyond. Bring your friends or come alone, everyone over 18 is welcome.

Free entry - no ticket required.
Over 18s only.

Big Cheese

MONDAY 9 SEPT

LETTER WRITING + VISION BOARD MAKING

10am-12pm @ Upper Apex Cafe, Merchiston Campus.

Calling all new students! Pop in to an activity that will capture your goals and dreams for the future.

Create a vision board to visually map out your aspirations, and then write a letter to your future self. Seal your letter in an envelope with the promise of not opening it until graduation day, creating a unique time capsule of your university experience.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.

SPEED FRIENDING

12pm-2pm @ ENSA Hangout, 0.D.09 Sighthill Campus.

New to Napier or just want to meet new people? Speed friending is an "icebreaker" social event where you get the opportunity to introduce yourself to different people while a timer goes down! Similar to "speed dating", only with the goal to find pals rather than someone to date.

Open to students from all years and degrees, it's the perfect environment to meet new people who also study at your campus.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.

Outdoor Cinema

MURDER MYSTERY SCAVENGER HUNT

Various time slots from 2pm-4pm. Starts from the bottom of Cockburn Street (outside Motel One), EH1 1BL.

Embark on an exciting 3-hour adventure through the historic streets of Old Town Edinburgh. In groups of 4-8, follow the clues and immerse yourselves in a thrilling quest to unravel the mystery and claim the title of ultimate detectives!

Free - ticket required. Open to all.

OUTDOOR CINEMA

5:30pm-7:30pm @ The Three Sisters (Courtyard), Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Nothing better than heading down to an outdoor singalong cinema! The film will be chosen via a poll on our Instagram (@napierstudents) so make sure to cast your vote. Popcorn and pick 'n' mix on offer.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.

WELCOME PRE-PARTY

8pm-10:30pm @ The Three Sisters (Upstairs), Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Get hyped for the Welcome Party with FREE face painting, games and tunes to get you in a party mood! Don't miss this chance to make new friends and get ready for the big night ahead.

Free - no ticket required. Over 18s only. 18

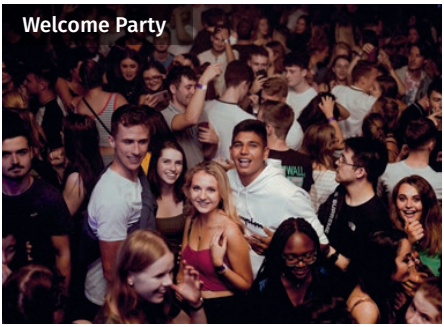
WELCOME PARTY

10pm-3am @ The Liquid Room, Victoria Street, EH1 2HE.

Kick off your university journey at the ultimate Welcome Party! With a DJ spinning a mix of dance and party anthems from 70s disco bangers through to the chart-hits of today.

Guests are allowed if tickets purchased together by a Napier student. Pay on the door might be possible if capacity allows.

Tickets £2 early bird, £5 second release, £8 on the door (subject to availability). Over 18s only. 18


Welcome Party

TUESDAY 10 SEPT

HERE TO TALK

12-2pm @ Craiglockhart Campus Foyer.

Have questions about accommodation, funding, wellbeing, or something else? Stop by the ENSA stall in the campus foyer where our friendly Advice Team is ready to help.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.

BOOK & CLOTHES SWAP

12-2pm @ Merchiston Campus Foyer.

Refresh your wardrobe and bookshelf in an enironmentally friendly way at our Book & Clothes Swap! Bring gently used clothes and books that you no longer need and trade them for new-to-you treasures. Got nothing to exchange? Don't worry, you can still come along and take a book or clothing item.

Free entry - no ticket required. Open to all.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS' MEETUP

2pm-4pm @ Espresso Lab Cafe, Craiglockhart Campus.

Connect with fellow Edinburgh Napier students from around the world. Share experiences and make new friends while enjoying some tea or coffee.

Free entry - no ticket required. Open to all.

SPEED FRIENDING

2pm-4pm @ Upper Apex Cafe, Merchiston Campus.

Open to students from all years and degrees, it's the perfect environment to meet new people who also study at Merchiston. See listing on p4 for more details.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all

WORLD OF ILLUSIONS

6:15pm @ Camera Obscura & World of Illusions, The Royal Mile, EH1 2ND.

Group visit to one of Edinburgh's top-rated tourist attractions, where optical illusions and mind-bending experiences await.

Explore 5 floors of interactive exhibits, trick mirrors, and hands-on optical fun, all while taking in breath-taking rooftop views of Edinburgh.

£17.95 - ticket required. Open to all.

BARBIES V KENS PARTY

8pm-1am @ Ballie Ballerson, 14 Forrest Road, EH1 2QN.

Featuring a DJ playing tracks inspired by the movie, great cocktails, a slide and Ballie Ballerson's famous glowing ball pit! Come dressed as your favourite Barbie or Ken for a night of fun.

Tickets £5. Over 18s only.

WEDNESDAY 11 SEPT

PUPPY YOGA

10:30am / 11:15am / 12pm @ Eric Liddell Centre, 15 Morningside Road, EH10 4DP.

A 'pawsome' and heartwarming puppy yoga session with Puppy Yoga Scotland! Enjoy 30 minutes of puppy cuddles and yoga poses. The session helps the puppies to build the foundation of a friendly, social personality.

£15 - ticket required. Open to all.

WELCOME CARNIVAL

2pm-4pm @ Craiglockhart Campus grounds.

Join us for a fun afternoon on campus featuring carnival games, inflatables, free candy floss, alpacas, and more!

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.

POSTGRAD & MATURE STUDENTS' SIP & PAINT

6:30pm-9pm @ The Three Sisters (upstairs), Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Whether you're an aspiring artist or just looking to unwind and meet other postgraduates and mature students, this event promises an opportunity to get creative while having a drink. Canvases, paint, and paintbrushes will be provided (while supplies last).

Free - ticket required. Postgrads and mature students (21+) only. 18

FRAT PARTY

10pm-3am @ The Three Sisters (upstairs), Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

The ultimate frat party experience! A wild night of music, drinks, college party vibes and games including pong!

Free - no ticket required. Over 18s only. 18

Welcome Fair

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THURSDAY 12 SEPT

WELCOME FAIR

10am-4pm @ O2 Academy, 11 New Market Road, EH14 1RJ.

Don't miss Scotland's biggest student fair. With over 100 stalls, you'll discover exclusive deals and receive loads of freebies while getting a taste of all the amazing things Uni life has to offer. An unmissable event for all students!

This is also a chance to explore Edinburgh Napier's sports clubs and societies, chat to the students that run them and learn about how to get involved.

Free shuttle buses will be running from Bainfield and all three campuses.

Quiet/Accessible Hour: 10am-11am. During this hour there will limited capacity, staff available to provide support and no music. Pre-book a free ticket online to guarantee entry during this hour.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.

Pub Crawl

> THURSDAY CONTINUED

NAPIER PUB CRAWL

Various times from 6pm @ The Three Sisters (Courtyard), Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Enjoy a tour of some of the best bars in Edinburgh. Groups leave every 45 minutes. Last group leaves at around 9pm. Pre-booking recommended.

Your ticket includes a complimentary pint of beer, cider, or soft drink, free access to the after-party at Ballie Ballerson and a t-shirt to commemorate this unforgettable night.

Tickets £14 or £10 for sports and societies members. Over 18s only. 18

THROUGH THE DECADES PARTY

10pm-3am @ Ballie Ballerson, 14 Forrest Road, EH1 2QN

Official Pub Crawl after-party. Get down to the biggest dance and chart hits from the 70s through to the current day in one of Edinburgh's most unique venues. Ball Pit access included!

Tickets £5 (free entry with a Pub Crawl ticket). Over 18s only. 18

FRIDAY 13 SEPT

NATIONAL GALLERY VISIT

11am @ The National Gallery, The Mound, EH2 2EL.

Meet us outside the gallery and then enjoy the stunning artwork by renowned artists from around the world at your own pace. It's a perfect opportunity to meet other students with an interest in art. Note: this is not a guided tour.

Free - ticket required. Open to all.

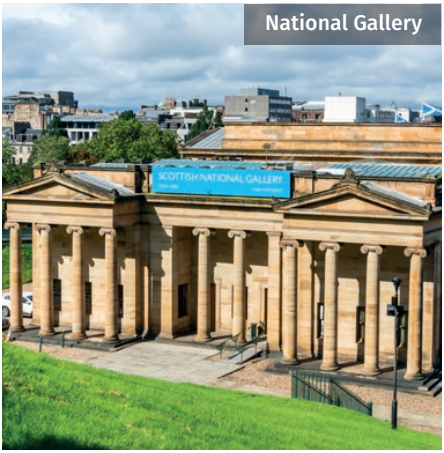
MERCHIFEST

12pm-3:30pm @ Merchiston Campus.

Come along for a fun afternoon on campus. With games, a battle of the bands, a quiz, food, free popcorn and candy floss.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.

Ballie Ballerson



National Gallery

> FRIDAY CONTINUED

HOUSEWARMING BINGO

6pm-7:30pm @ The Three Sisters (Live Room), Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

Gather your flatmates and get the chance to win flat-tastic prizes like an air fryer and other kitchen and household items that will help to make your new place feel like home.

Free - ticket required.
Open to all.

MASS KARAOKE

8pm-12am @ Ballie Ballerson, 14 Forrest Road, EH1 2QN.

Sing along with friends as lyrics light up the big screen, and challenge your music knowledge with games like "Finish the Lyric" for a chance to win exciting prizes. It's everything you love about Karaoke, minus the stage fright of singing solo!

Free entry. Over 18s only.

SATURDAY 14 SEPT

HIGHLAND GAMES

Meet 8:15am @ Merchiston Campus. Coach returns for around 6pm.

Join us for a day trip to Pitlochry, 70 miles north of Edinburgh. Expect a day filled with traditional Scottish festivities, a huge bagpipe and drums parade, sports competitions like 'tossing the caber', Highland dancing, and traditional food!

This is always a popular event with international students, so book ahead to avoid missing out on this uniquely Scottish experience!

£25 (includes travel + entry).
Ticket required. Open to all.

Highland Games

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Arthur's Seat

> SATURDAY CONTINUED

WALK UP ARTHUR'S SEAT

10am. Meet at the front of Scottish Parliament, Horse Wynd, EH99 1SP.

A perfect way to take a break and enjoy some fresh air and stunning views. Whether you're a seasoned hiker or just starting out, this walk is suitable for most fitness levels. We'll take it at a comfortable pace and take breaks during the steeper inclines. Don't forget to wear comfortable, sturdy footwear and bring a water bottle!

Free - no ticket required.
Open to all.

PAINT & PICNIC

1pm-3pm @ Craiglockhart Campus.

Bring your own blanket and snacks and join us for a relaxing event on the lawn outside Craiglockhart Campus. No art experience required! Canvases, paint and paintbrushes will be provided.

Free - ticket required.
Open to all.

SPEED FRIENDING

4pm-5pm @ The Three Sisters (upstairs), Cowgate, EH1 1JS.

See description on page 4.

Free - no ticket required. Open to all

PIZZA & BOARD GAMES

5pm-7pm @ The Three Sisters (upstairs), Cowgate, EH11 1JS.

Play your favourite board and card games while enjoying some FREE PIZZA!

Free - no ticket required. Open to all.

BIG CHEESE: HACKER T DOG & KATIE THISTLETON

10pm-3am @ Hangar 5, Potterrow, 5/2 Bristo Square, EH8 9AL.

Get ready for the biggest weekly student club night in the city! Join CBBC's iconic duo, Hacker T Dog & Katie Thistleton, for a very special Big Cheese takeover! Wristbands will be provided for over 18s so bring your proof of age ID.

£9 pre-sales, £10 on the door.
Open to all.

Hacker T Dog & Katie Thistleton

SUNDAY 15 SEPT

NATIONAL MUSEUM VISIT

11am @ National Museum of Scotland, Chambers Street, EH1 1JF.

Discover world-class collections that will take you on a journey through the history of Scotland, the wonders of nature and diverse cultures from around the globe. Meet at the entrance for 11am to explore the exhibits with a group. Note: this is not a guided tour.

Free entry - ticket required.
Open to all.

QUEER PICNIC

12pm-2pm @ The Meadows (Prince Albert Victor Sundial), EH3 9GN.

Join us for a relaxed and fun picnic in the beautiful Meadows park to meet others in the community and make friends. Bring your own blanket and snacks, we will provide some sweets and games! Whether you identify as queer, LGBT+ or are an ally, you are welcome to join us.

Free - no ticket required.
Open to all.

MURDER MYSTERY SCAVENGER HUNT

Various time slots from 2pm-4pm. Starts from the bottom of Cockburn Street (outside Motel One), EH1 1BL.

See description on page 4.

Free - ticket required.
Open to all.

POTTERY PAINTING

3pm-5pm @ Doodles, 27-29 Marchmont Crescent, EH9 1GQ.

Paint your own pottery and create unique masterpieces. Entry is free, but you'll need to pay for the items you choose to paint. Prices vary depending on the pieces you select, mostly between £10-£30. All materials and guidance will be provided, so just bring your imagination!

Free - ticket required. Open to all.

TENPIN BOWLING

7pm @ Tenpin, Fountain Park, Dundee Street, EH11 1AW.

Don't worry if you've never bowled before - it's all about having a great time! Ticket includes 1 game of bowling. Meet us at the Tenpin Bowling entrance for 7pm (don't be late).

£3.50 - ticket required. Open to all.

CLOSING PARTY: DRESS AS YOUR DEGREE

10pm-3am @ The Three Sisters (upstairs), EH1 1JS.

Celebrate the end of Welcome Week in style! Show off your creativity and dress up as your course/school of study - whether it's arts, sciences, business, or something totally unique to your programme.

Expect a mix of chart, cheese, and dance beats, themed decorations, and prizes for the most creative outfits.

Tickets £5. Over 18s only.

ENSa ADVICE

SCAN TO BOOK AN APPOINTMENT

Free, confidential and impartial advice

> *"The adviser was very helpful and listened to my issues without judgement"*
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> CLIENT FEEDBACK

WE CAN HELP WITH:

- Appeals
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- Misconduct
- Fitness to Practise
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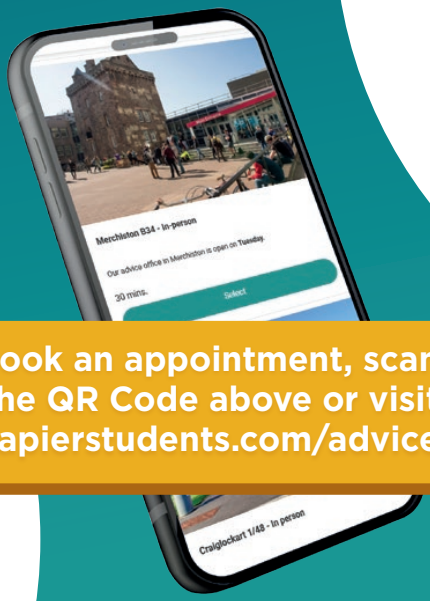
- Student Funding and Benefits



To book an appointment, scan the QR Code above or visit napierstudents.com/advice

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